

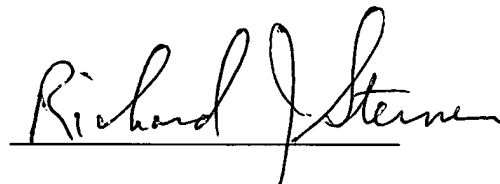
**REMARKS**

In response to the Notice and as indicated on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/17, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the sum of \$1,640 to Deposit Account No. 23-1703. This sum comprises the various fees specified on the accompanying Form. In the Notice, it is asserted that there are 16 total claims in excess of 20. However, in view of the Preliminary Amendment submitted concurrently under separate cover, there are only 3 total claims in excess of 20.

Any other fees which may be due for any reason in connection with this communication may be charged to the same account.

Dated: January 4, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Sterner", is written over a horizontal line.

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**Enclosures**